

Memo

To: Whom It May Concern
From: Robert Wolfe, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services and
Steve Thornton, Director of Technology
Date: September 12, 2013
Re: Proceeding 13-184 Proposed E-Rate Changes

Our School District is located in California's Riverside County. We are a K-8 district with approximately 9200 children located in 12 schools. Approximately 42% of our pupil population participates in the National School Breakfast/Lunch Program. Some of this poverty is induced by the fiscal times. As such we do not receive a significant amount of money. We have never received Priority 2 funding...ever!

If the changes being discussed occur this District will stand to lose about \$80,000 or the cost of 1 classroom teacher since our telecommunications services and internet access subsidies will end.

Seven of our schools were built before 2003 one as far back as 1987. The oldest site was built in 1952 and is being used as a training center at present.

For cat 6 wiring and a wireless access points the estimated cost is about \$5,000 per classroom. The cost of these materials alone is \$2.9 million. This does not include servers, labor to install or anything else.

The goal of 1GB per 1000 students is as audacious as it is necessary for student success moving into the days and years ahead. It is also impossibly expensive without the support of the federal government for school districts like ours that are too poor to have endowments and foundations but not so poor that we can qualify for infrastructure support funds as E-Rate is currently constituted.

Changes to the E-Rate program MUST include support for school districts like ours if we are to provide equity and opportunity for all students as they prepare to be ready for college and the careers of the future.